

Property Address 13705 Old Brandywine Road, Tee Bee, Prince George's County

Owner Name/Address _____

Year Built 1912

Description:

The Boswell House was previously surveyed by the Prince George's County Historic Preservation Commission in 1986. Since the time of the previous survey, the structure has been demolished. Remains of a small structure at the rear of the property indicate that a fire occurred on the site.

National Register Evaluation:

The site of the Boswell House is located within the boundaries of the Tee Bee Historic District. The Tee Bee Historic District is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criteria A and C. The district meets Criterion A as representative of the society and economy of a late-nineteenth century crossroads community. Extant structures in the town, including a casket shop, a store and several residences which date to the period of significance, remain as characteristic features of a town which grew as a result of its location at the intersection of the Washington-Charles County Road and the Brandywine-Piscataway Road. The community is eligible under Criterion C, due to the presence of examples of mid-nineteenth century, rural vernacular architecture and later Folk Victorian structures. The five (5) contributing buildings within the historic district have good integrity of materials and the community retains much of the feeling of a small crossroads village.

MHT CONCURRENCE:

Eligibility _____ recommended _____ not recommended

Criteria A B C D Considerations A B C D E F G None

Comments: _____

Reviewer, Office of Preservation Services Date

Reviewer, NR program

Date

Preparer:

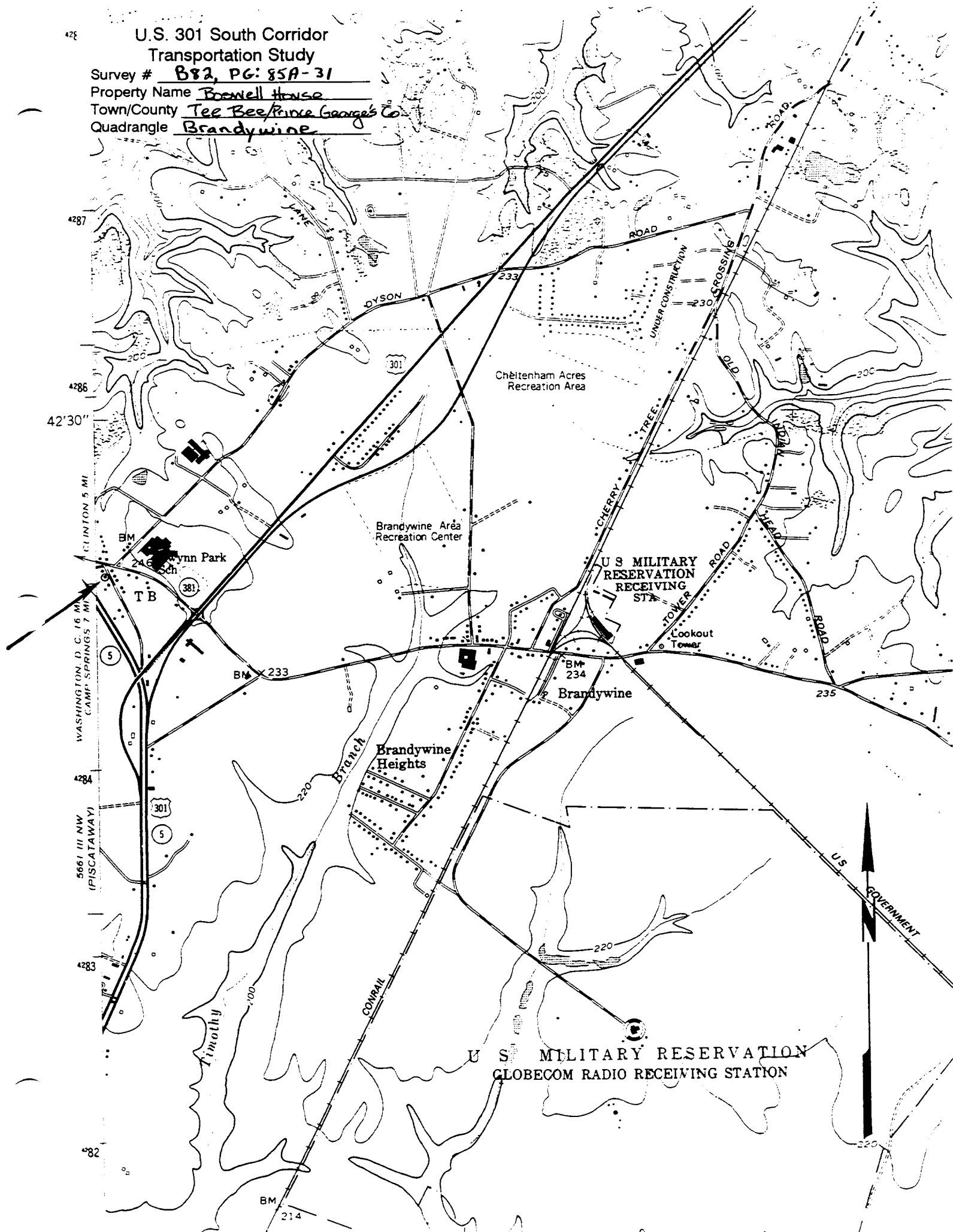
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September 1996

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U.S. 301 South Corridor

Transportation Study

Survey # B82, PG: 85A-31Property Name Bonwell HouseTown/County Tee Bee/Prince Georges Co.Quadrangle Brandywine

PG:85A-31



PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY
HISTORIC SITE SUMMARY SHEET

Survey #: P.G. #85A-31 Building Date: ca. 1912
Building Name: Boswell House
Location: 13705 Old Brandywine Road, Brandywine, Maryland

Private/Residence/Occupied/Good/Inaccessible

Description

The Boswell House is a two-and-one-half-story cross-gable frame house in the shape of an L. It is a variation of the gable-front-and-wing plan, with an additional kitchen wing extending to the rear. Entrance to the house is in the first bay of the east facade of the two-bay wing. Spanning the east facade of the wing is a one-story shed-roof porch. At the third level on this east facade is a shallow cross gable, sided with fishscale shingles painted dark brown. Another third level cross gable highlights the two-bay north facade of this northerly section. Extending west from the southerly side-gabled section, and flush with its south gable end, is a two-story gable-roof kitchen wing. It has a small one-story shed and porch addition attached at the west gable end. A two-story, shed addition extends the kitchen wing one bay to the north, and partly fills the corner formed by the kitchen wing and the northerly section. The building is sheathed with German siding painted beige. Cornices are boxed with crown molding and are returned at the gable ends. There are two corbelled brick chimneys.

Significance

The Boswell House is an example of late Victorian vernacular domestic architecture, a plain frame dwelling with a trace of Queen Anne style decoration. It stands at the crossroads which was the late nineteenth century village of T.B. The subject house was built ca. 1912 by William E. Boswell, who had come to T.B. in the 1890's to work as a clerk to merchant J. Eli Hunt. After Hunt's death in 1897, Boswell took over operation of the store, and continued as manager for Hunt's widow until 1908, when he purchased property across the intersection and built on it a larger and competitive general store. Just south of his store, William Boswell built a frame dwelling, the subject house, in 1912. It was a modest cross-gable dwelling of the gable front and wing plan, which became part of the fabric of this rural crossroads. It stood in a residential-commercial complex which included two general stores, a casket shop, a doctor's office, and the residences of the village merchant, doctor and blacksmith, in short, the nucleus of the village of T.B. Today, all these buildings stand except Boswell's store. William Boswell's house stands in a prominent position, and its appearance has changed very little since it was constructed. It is a noticeable landmark in the crossroads village of T.B.

Acreage: 1.15 acres

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Magi No.

DOE yes no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic William Boswell House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 13705 Old Brandywine Road not for publication

city, town Brandywine TB vicinity of congressional district 4

state Maryland county Prince George's

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<u> </u> district	<u> </u> public	<u> </u> occupied	<u> </u> agriculture	<u> </u> museum
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	<u> </u> unoccupied	<u> </u> commercial	<u> </u> park
<u> </u> structure	<u> </u> both	<u> </u> work in progress	<u> </u> educational	<u>X</u> private residence
<u> </u> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<u> </u> entertainment	<u> </u> religious
<u> </u> object	<u> </u> in process	<u> </u> yes: restricted	<u> </u> government	<u> </u> scientific
	<u> </u> being considered	<u> </u> yes: unrestricted	<u> </u> industrial	<u> </u> transportation
	<u>X</u> not applicable	<u>X</u> no	<u> </u> military	<u> </u> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Wayne A. Mills, et al.

street & number 13705 Old Brandywine Road telephone no.:

city, town Brandywine, state and zip code Maryland 20613

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Prince George's County Courthouse liber 5756

street & number Main Street folio 54

city, town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title None

date federal state county local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Boswell House is a two-and-one-half-story cross-gable frame house in the shape of an L. It stands at the intersection of two old roads in the crossroads village of T.B. It is a variation of the gable-front-and-wing plan, with an additional kitchen wing extending to the rear.

The house faces east towards Old Brandywine Road; entrance is in the first bay of the east facade of the two-bay wing. Spanning the east facade of the wing, and filling the corner formed by it and the front gabled section, is a one-story shed-roof porch, now plastic enclosed. At third level on this east facade is a shallow cross gable, sided with fishscale shingles painted dark brown, enclosing a lunette window. The same shingle and lunette treatment embellishes the third level east gable end of the front-gabled section to the north. Another third level cross gable highlights the two-bay north facade of this northerly section; it has the same novelty shingling and lunette features.

Extending west from the southerly side-gabled section, and flush with its south gable end, is a two-story gable-roof kitchen wing. It has a small one-story shed and porch addition attached at the west gable end. A two-story, shed addition extends the kitchen wing one bay to the north, and partly fills the corner formed by the kitchen wing and the northerly section.

The building is sheathed with German siding painted beige. Windows are 4/4 and 6/6 double hung sash, with plain board surrounds painted olive green. (There is one casement window - 3 beside 3, in the second story of the kitchen wing extension, north facade.) Some windows have dark brown louvered shutters. Cornices are boxed with crown molding and are returned at the gable ends; cornices and corner boards are also painted olive green. The gable roof is covered with green asphalt shingle. There are two corbelled brick chimneys, one at the juncture of the gable front and wing, the other at the west gable end of the kitchen wing.

Foundations of the house are probably brick, although they could not be observed. The kitchen wing extension, and the east (front) porch rest on poured concrete foundations.

West of the house, at the end of an unpaved driveway, is a small gable-roof cottage. It is a one-story, side-gabled dwelling, three bays wide, with entrance in the central (but off center) bay of the east facade. There is a chimney at the ridge, between second and third bays. The house is covered with horizontal board siding, painted white; the roof is covered with brown asphalt shingle, and the house rests on a concrete foundation.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates ca. 1912 Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☐ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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The subject house was built ca. 1912 by William E. Boswell, who had come to T.B. in the 1890's to work as a clerk to merchant J. Eli Hunt. Hunt was a prominent and successful store-owner in T.B.; he owned the general store on the east side of the crossroads (#85A-14) and dealt in "dry goods and groceries, patent medicines, boots, shoes, paints, oils, grass, dye stuffs, hardware, fancy goods, hats, caps, etc."¹ As a teenager, William Boswell worked as a clerk for Hunt, while living as a boarder with the village blacksmith, Marcus Lockett, a relative by marriage.² After Hunt's death in 1897, Boswell took over operation of the store, and continued as manager for Hunt's widow, until 1908. In that year he purchased property across the intersection to the west of the Hunt store, and built on it a larger and competitive general store.³

Just south of his general store, William Boswell built a frame dwelling, the subject house, in 1912. It was a modest cross-gable dwelling of the gable front and wing plan, which became part of the fabric of this rural crossroads. It stood in a residential-commercial complex which included two general stores, a casket shop, a doctor's office, and the residences of the village merchant, doctor and blacksmith, in short, the nucleus of the village of T.B.⁴ Today, all these buildings stand except Boswell's store (it stood until the 1960's). The Hunt store is now an antique shop, and the casket shop has been converted into a small residence. The blacksmith's dwelling has been renovated, and the physician's house expanded to include the office. William Boswell's house stands in a prominent position, and its appearance has changed very little since it was constructed. It is a noticeable landmark in the crossroads village of T.B.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Cf. notes, Item #8.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property 1.15 acre

Tax Map 144, parcel 159

Quadrangle name Brandywine, Section D

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Zone	Easting				Northing				

B

Zone	Easting				Northing				

C

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Susan G. Pearl, Research Historianorganization Historic Preservation Commission date September 1986street & number c/o County Planning Div., M-NCPPC telephone 952-3521
Rm. 4010, CABcity or town Upper Marlboro, state MD. 20772

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Statement of Significance (continued)

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Notes

1 G. M. Hopkins Atlas of Prince George's County, 1878; cf. MHT #85A-14.

2 Census for Prince George's County, 1900.

3 Prince George's County Deed, #49:136; MHT from #85A-14; conversations with descendants of J. Eli Hunt.

4 Prince George's County Tax Assessments 1908-1915; postcard showing T.B. crossroads, 1914, in possession of Hunt descendants.

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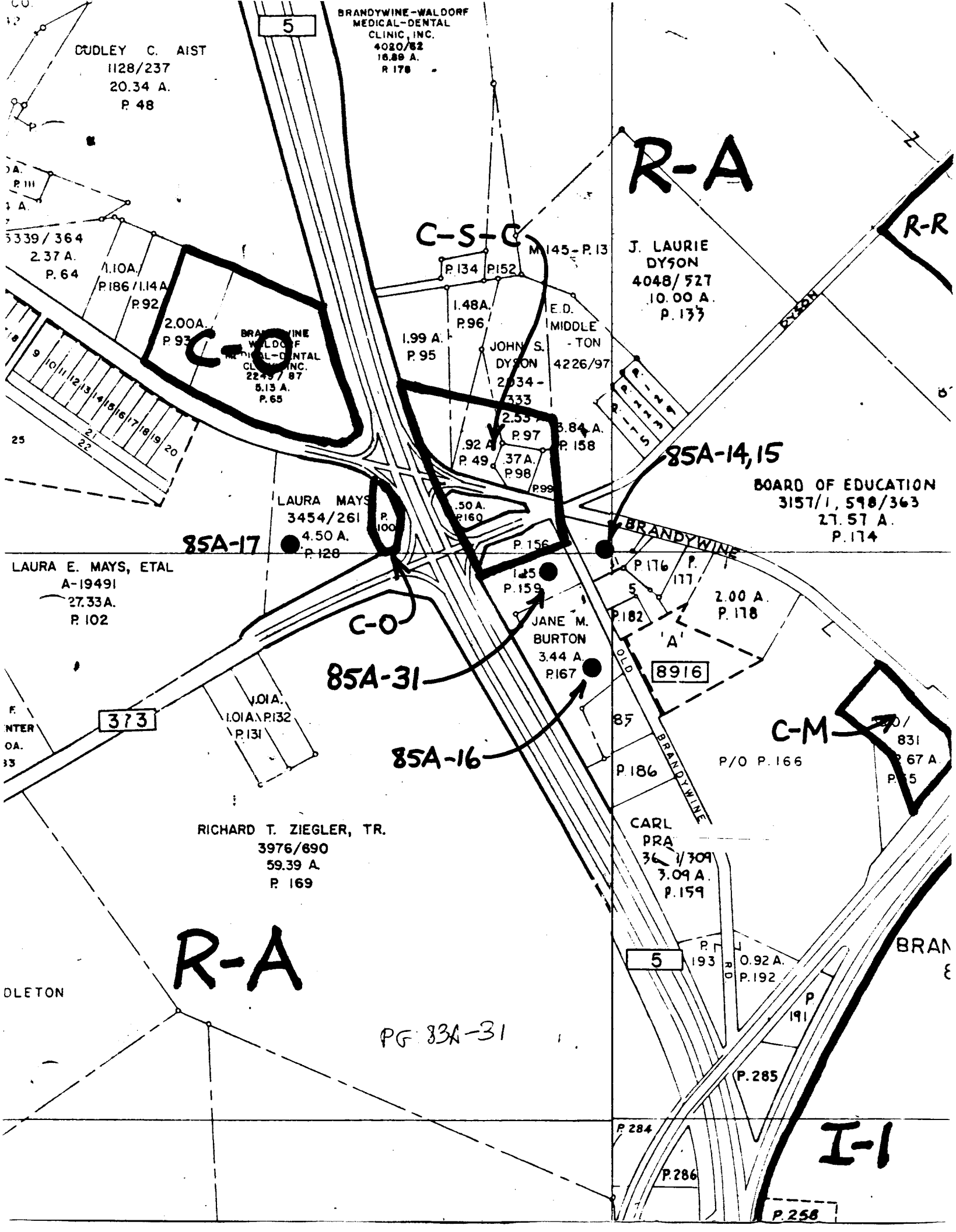
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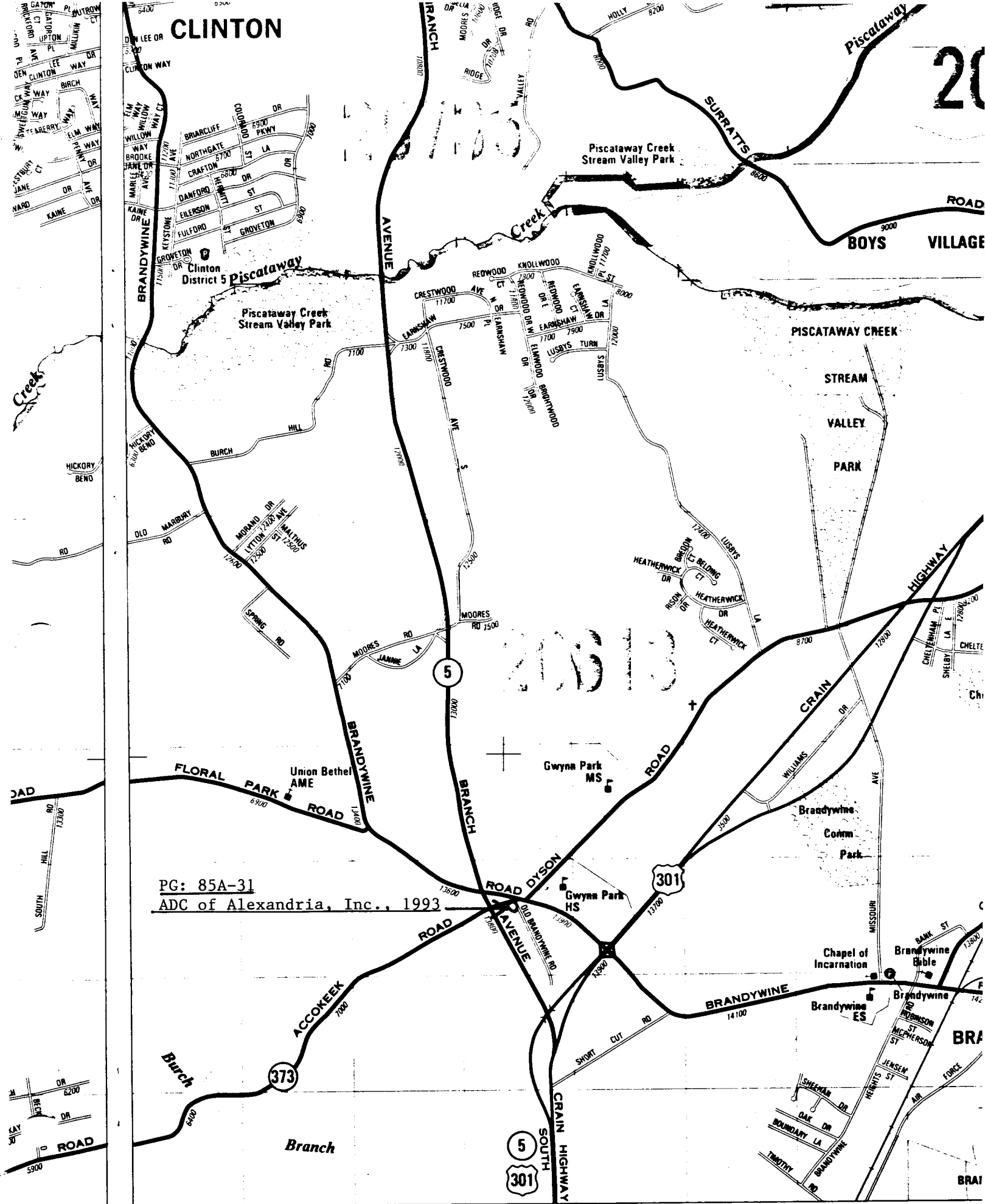
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CLINTON

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ADC of Alexandria, Inc., 1993

830,000 FT

76°52'30"

MD GRID 840,000 FT

Joins Map 39

42°30"

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William Boswell House

Brandywine Quad, 1956, PR 1985

CLINTON 5 MI
WASHINGTON D. C. 16 MI
CAMP SPRINGS 7 MI

5661 III NW
(PISCATAWAY)

42°83'

42°82'

40'

42°81'

MI
MI

DYSON

301

Chatterham Acres
Recreation Area

UNDER CONSTRUCTION

CROSSING

OLD

BM

Wynn Park
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(381)

BM 233

Brandywine Area
Recreation Center

U S MILITARY
RESERVATION
RECEIVING
STA

Lookout
Tower

BM 234

Brandywine

235

Brandywine
Heights

Branch

Timothy

CONRAIL

U S MILITARY RESERVATION
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William Boswell House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
East elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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William Boswell House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
North elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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William Boswell House
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Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
South elevation
Neg: MD Hist. Trust, Annapolis, MD



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William Boswell House
Prince George's County, MD
Susan G. Pearl
April 1986
Northwest 3/4 elevation
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